



CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
**Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Maryland Department of Planning, Comprehensive Planning Unit  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Program Open Space

**From:** Tim Drummond, Acting Chief of Parks & Grounds  
Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

**Subject:** Annual Program Report  
Charles County

**Date:** July 9, 2020

Enclosed please find Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY21. After your review, please contact me directly if you should have any questions (301-932-3472).

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Drummond", written over a faint circular stamp.

**Enclosure: As stated**  
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**FY21**  
**ANNUAL REPORT - CHARLES COUNTY**

**Introduction**

Each year Charles County Government develops/updates a five-year open space/park acquisition and development plan. This plan is designed to address solutions to citizen demands for outdoor recreational facilities. This five-year plan is basically a park priority list formulated as a result of direct citizen input, public hearings, and meetings with organized recreation associations.

Charles County's open space priorities include: providing active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents; preserving natural heritage areas; and protecting sensitive and unique environmental features of the County.

The projects selected in this annual report are consistent with the County's current Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The LPPRP clearly states that the demand for active recreation facilities continues to grow and that there is an immediate need to plan and develop such facilities. Athletic playing fields and hiking/biking trails have not kept pace with the County's rapid population growth. Additionally, the LPPRP calls for more open space acquisition and recreational facilities throughout the County. Recreational demands continue to grow in our area, specifically in the greater Waldorf and La Plata communities. Water access amenities continue to be a priority as well.

Charles County's priority open space plan is compiled by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, Parks and Grounds Division.

Attached is Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY21:

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| Acquisition: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>●Hatton Creek Waterfront Property Acquisition</li><li>●Mattawoman Creek Kayak Launch Acquisition</li><li>●Maldonado Property Acquisition</li></ul> |
| Development: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>●Waldorf Park Phase I</li></ul>  |

**Charles County**  
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**FY 2021 Annual Program**

**ACQUISITION**

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## **ACQUISITION – FY 21**

**Charles County Government  
Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

**Project: Hatton Creek Waterfront Property Acquisition**

The Hatton Creek area in Charles County is a major water access destination for the local fishermen. Access to watershed recreation is a goal of the County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

Charles County Parks has been presented the opportunity to acquire this 493.3 acre parcel that sits adjacent to our Hatton Creek Boat Ramp property.

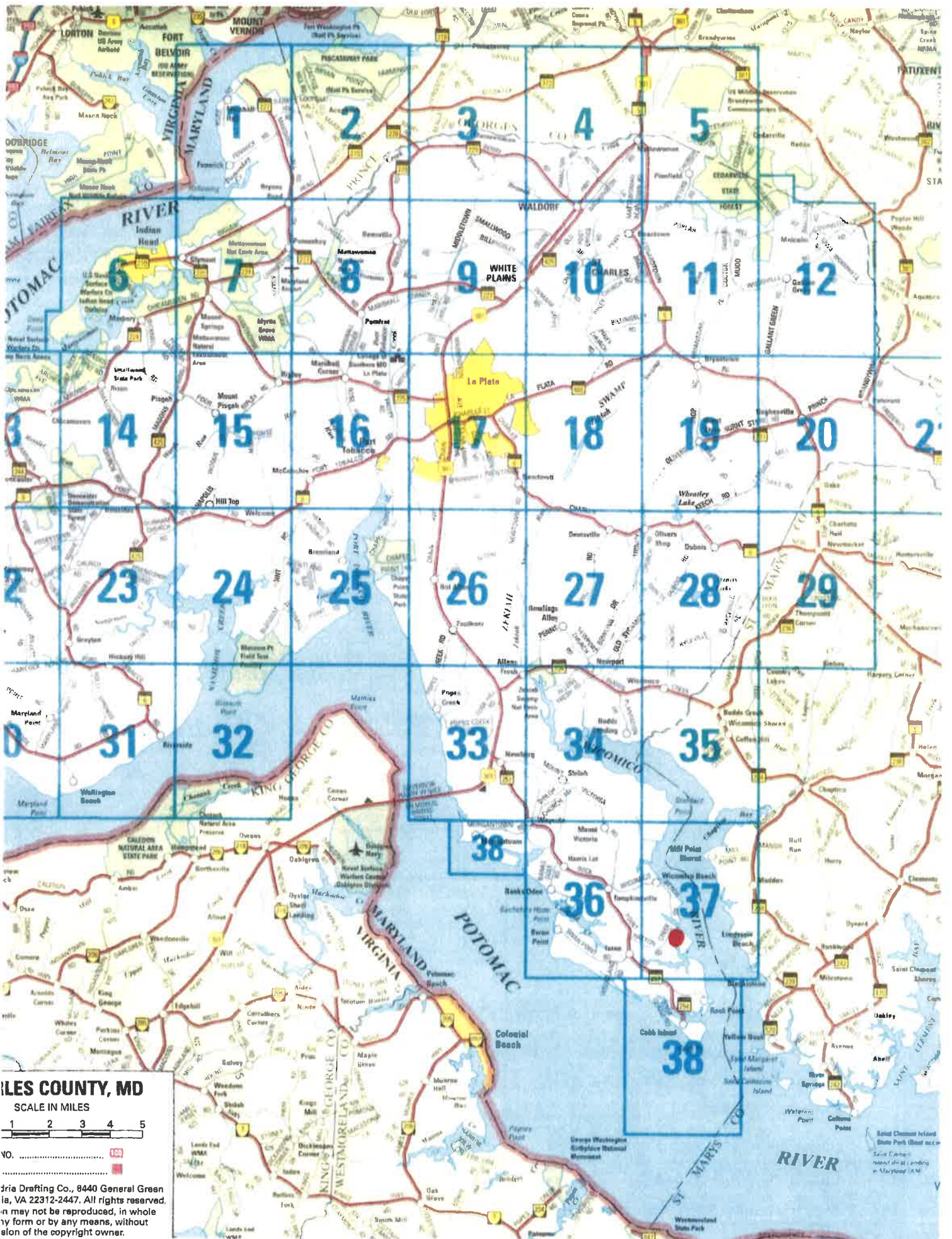
This parcel is an excellent candidate for preserving open space/woodlands with waterfront access.

Total Acreage: 493.3 Acres

Total Project Cost: \$1,395,000

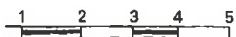
(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)





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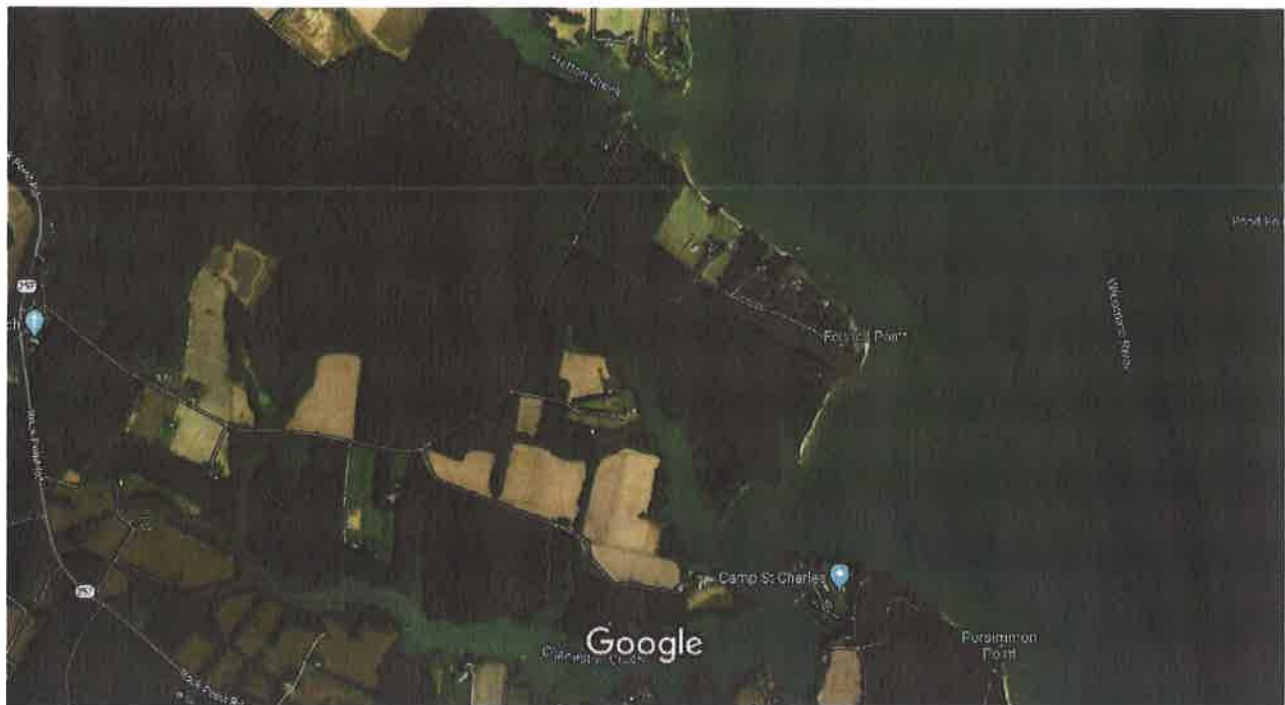




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Charleston Partnership Property - Hatton Creek Road, Newburg, MD 20664



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## **ACQUISITION – FY 21**

**Charles County Government  
Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

**Project: Mattawoman Creek Kayak Launch Acquisition**

The Mattawoman Creek Watershed is an important natural and outdoor recreational resource in Charles County. Access to watershed recreation is a goal of the County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

Charles County Parks has been presented with the opportunity to acquire a kayak launch facility owned and operated by the non-profit – Mason Springs Conservancy.

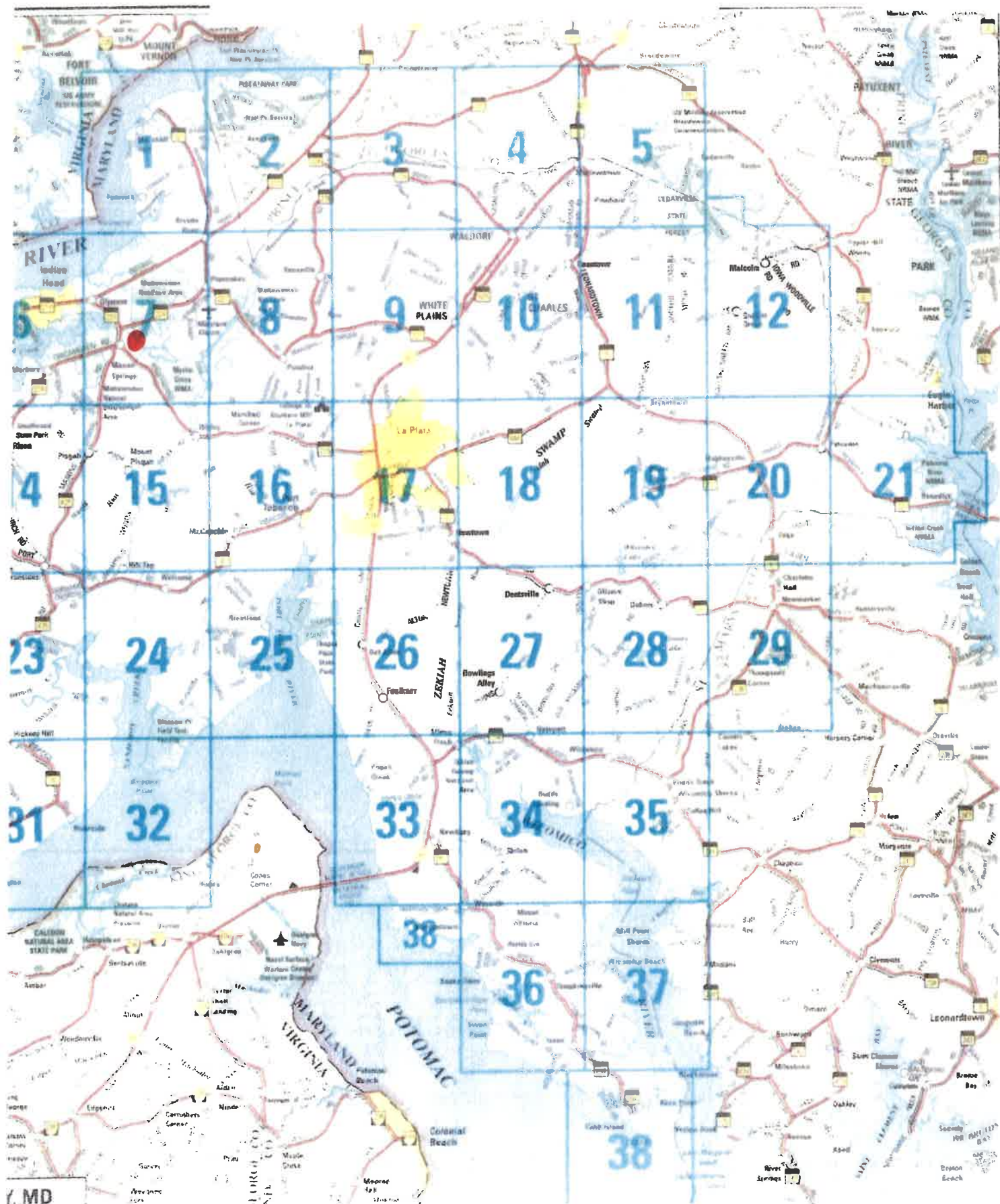
This 3.7 acre parcel is already in use as a public kayak launch and includes a small parking area and shoreline fishing opportunities on the banks of Mattawoman Creek.

Total Acreage: 3.7 Acres

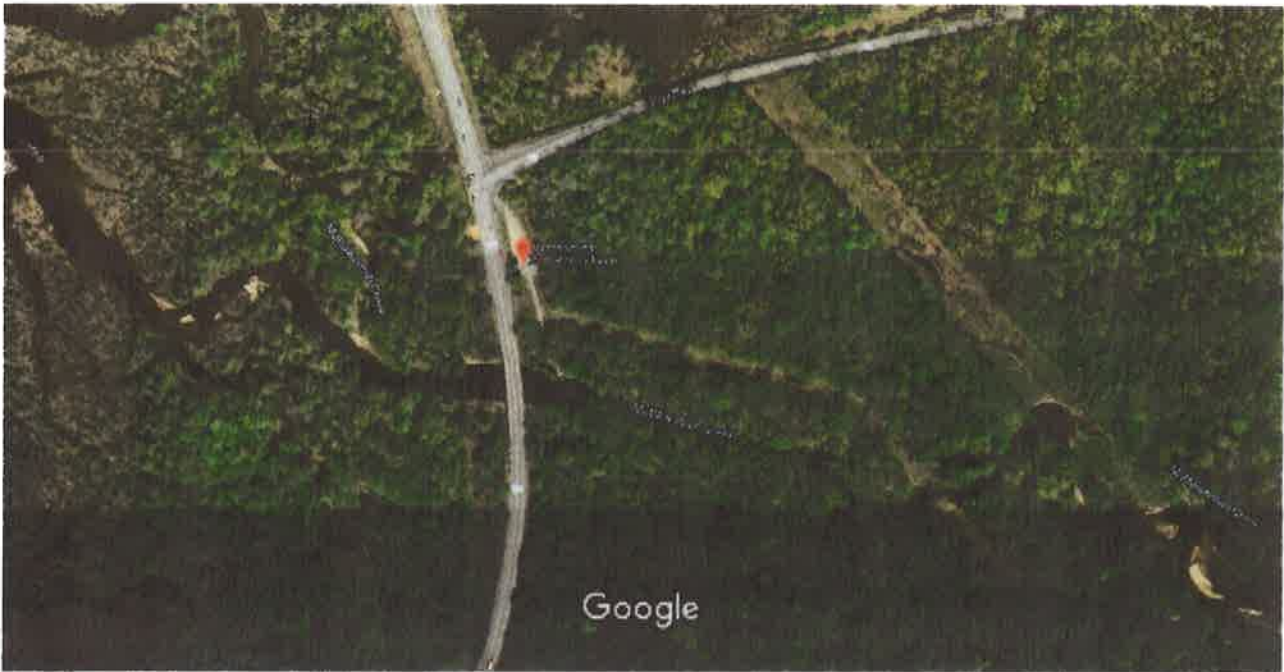
Total Project Cost: \$25,000

(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)

## Mason Springs Kayak Launch Acquisition



Google Maps Mason Springs Conservancy Kayak Launch



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## **ACQUISITION – FY 21**

**Charles County Government  
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**Project: Maldonado Property Acquisition**

The Maldonado Property is an excellent candidate for land preservation. Protecting and preserving such land is a goal of the County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

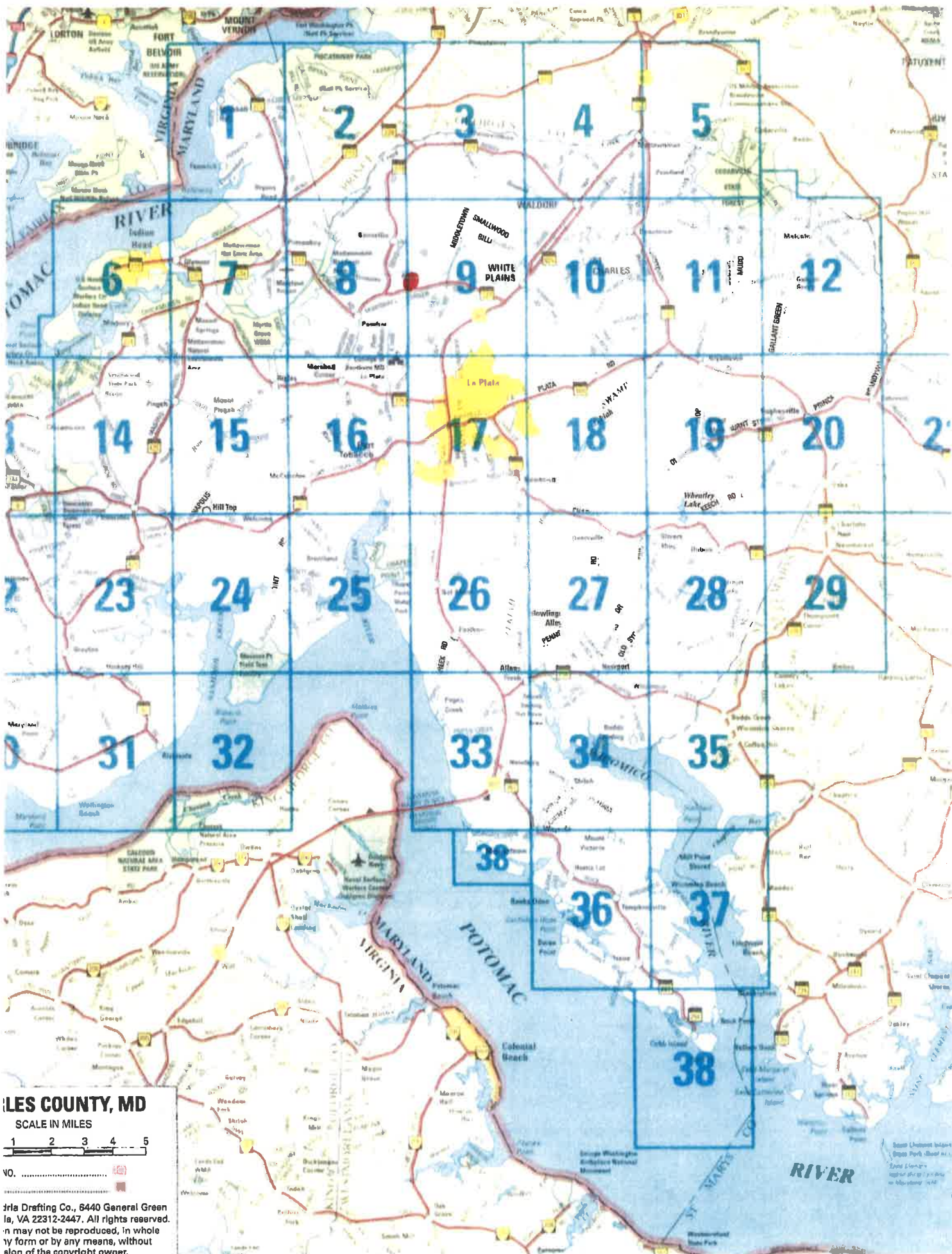
Charles County Parks has now been presented the opportunity to acquire this 63.2 acre parcel. This land would provide protection for natural wildlife, ecological resources and reduce future water run off and pollution to the environmentally sensitive area surrounding and bordering the Indian Head Rail Trail.

Total Acreage: 63.2 Acres

Total Project Cost: \$535,000

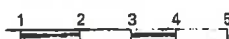
(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)





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Maldonado Property - Marshall Corner Road, Pomfret, MD 20675



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# **Charles County**

**Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

## **FY 2021 Annual Program**

### **DEVELOPMENT**



**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

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## **DEVELOPMENT – FY 21**

**Charles County Government  
Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

**Project: Waldorf Park – Phase I**

Funding requested to cover the design phase of much needed regional park type recreational amenities to serve the Waldorf area community.

Waldorf Park is a 216 acre parcel. Plans for this site would focus on meeting the needs of casual park visitors and could include basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, a playground, picnic shelters, restrooms and 8-10 athletic fields.

**Total Project Cost: \$2,172,000**

(Requesting \$1,629,000 POS funding to match \$543,000 Local Share)





